

University Hospital

New Orleans, La.

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Dear Mother,

I *recieved* your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> ins't and was very glad to hear from you again for it has been a long time since I have heard from home. I wrote you a letter last week and since then they have had a fight on Red river, it was a pretty hard fight, I should judge from accounts, it seems that our Regt. was not engaged in the hardest of the fight, there was three or four killed and some wounded in the Regt, the Lieut. Col. ~~Me~~ is among the wounded, there was ~~worse~~ no one hurt in Co. "G". I have not heard from Harrison since he went to the Regt. I should think that either Homer or Jerry would remail my letters to me, but they don't care for anybody else as long as they can get their own, never mind they will get their pay for being so accommodating one of these days.

I am getting some better than I was when I came here. I was pretty weak when I left the Regt from the *diahrear*, but I have got quite strong, but have not got over the *diahear*. I have not been confined to the bed any since I have been here, it is harder work for me to lay a bed than it is to be up. I have got to be quite sick to keep my bed all day. My lungs are about the same as they were when I came here, I don't think that I shall be able to do duty again in a long time, and never unless I get better than I have been for the last four months. I am a going to be examined the last of the month and find out what they are going to do with me.

The money \$1.50 you sent me I received with the letter I am greatly obliged to you for it but as I have got my pay I will not need it, if I could had it when I first came here, I could have made a very good use of it, enclosed you will find a ten dollar bill, which you can use keep for your own use.

Well I can't write any more for there is nothing to write, please excuse my short letters. Give my love to all.

From your Affect. Son,

J. F. Brand